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As 20,000 cyclists hit town, plans for a bike-friendly borough are unveiled

The RideLondon launch: Jamie Davis, Joff Summerfield on a penny farthing and Neil Humphrey Deadlinepix BT78227

by ROSS LOGAN
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Thousands of cyclists will be pedalling through the streets of Kingston this weekend – and council transport bosses are hoping it is a sign of things to come.

The inaugural RideLondon cycling festival will be coming through town on Sunday, with 20,000 amateur cyclists (from 7am) and 150 elite riders (from 1.30pm) revisiting the scene of Sir Bradley Wiggins' Olympic triumph last summer.

Kingston Council wants to turn town centres into bike-friendly "mini Hollands" and is applying to Mayor of London's Vision for Cycling fund.

Drawings show a cycling "superskyway" across the River Thames next to Kingston Bridge, and a 700m pontoon-style cycle path along the town's riverfront, from Anglers Green to Thameside.

There are also plans for a traffic-free plaza outside Kingston rail station, and cycle "superhubs" at Kingston and Surbiton stations for up to 6,500 bikes.

The Fountain roundabout in New Malden could also be turned into a Dutch-style intersection separating cars and bikes.

Kingston Cycle Campaign's Jon Fray welcomed the bid, but Ian Houston tweeted: "But riversides are for people to feed ducks surely?"

And cyclist Bryony Evens tweeted: "This scheme does appear to want to keep people out of the town centre."

Twitter user @ShamrockSoup called the plans "Ambitious & impressive", but said there should be cycle paths to Richmond and Bushy parks.

Kingston Councillor Simon James said: "We want to make cycling an everyday transport choice for people in Kingston, just as it is in the Netherlands."

Portsmouth Road, High Street, Thames Street, Kingston Bridge, London Road and Hampton Court Bridge will all be closed during RideLondon from 5.30am until 6.30pm on Sunday.

Follow the cycle race at kingstonguardian.co.uk

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ID scanner system sees club crime drop by half

by ROSS LOGAN
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Crime at five of Kingston's busiest late night venues has dropped by half since the introduction of a photo ID scanning system, a new police report says.

Offences inside Oceana, the Hippodrome, McClusky's and the King's Tun have fallen by 50 per cent since the installation of Scan Net in October 2012, with Barcadia in Clarence Street following suit in May this year.

Scan Net machines scan the ID of everyone entering a venue, and can detect fakes and whether someone has been banned anywhere else in the UK.

The information can then be shared between venues using Scan Net.

The Metropolitan Police report also said that since the introduction of Scan Net, serious crime in the town centre had fallen by 36 per cent.

Kingston police Chief Inspector Gary Taylor said: "This system has been very much accepted by the people who use the venues and I know that people feel safer because of this.

"The hard work that was undertaken to have these installed is now paying off.

"We are very pleased with the crime reductions but we never take success for granted and will continue to look for new initiatives and tactics for the night time economy within Kingston."

Scan Net was first introduced by the Safer Kingston Partnership on October 26 – the day after 20-year-old Jamie Sanderson was murdered inside Oceana.

Crime inside the venue has fallen significantly since that time, although club bosses at Luminar have conceded some of that could be attributed to a significant decline in customers.

In April, the owners of Barcadia – opposite Oceana – were threatened with losing their licence unless they agreed to install the ID scanner to control "unacceptable levels of crime" inside the venue.

Kingstonfirst chief executive Ros Morgan said: "We are encouraged by the figures shown in the Metropolitan Police report and hope this will result in more of the venues in the town centre introducing the technology."

Topping up: Volunteers Michelle Reisenger, Maggie Nicholas and Ben Daniel; Tony Whitmarsh, inset Deadlinepix KT78019

Food bank sees increase in people needing supplies

A Chessington food bank ran out of food after seeing a spike in the number of people visiting in the past two weeks.

Volunteers at the King's Centre in Coppard Gardens, where a food bank opens on Wednesday mornings, had to call for a resupply from Kingston food bank's central stores.

It normally helps six or seven people a week, but last Wednesday it saw 23, and the week before that, 18.

Administrator Tony Whitmarsh said: "The team feels there has definitely been an increase following changes that have come through with bedroom tax and so on.

"We are definitely seeing quite a big increase in the number of people."

Kingston food bank organiser Paul Pickhaver, a Surbiton church leader and former civil servant, said: "Chessington does not get a huge number of clients.

"As soon as someone said, 'We are really low', we were able to get the food to them."

Volunteer Hazel Rogers said the increase was "massive".

She said: "Chessington is quite a good area in terms of how many people actually need our help. A lot of them are on low incomes. Most of them cannot believe they have got into this situation, and that there are people like us out there who want to help them.

"Our job is not to judge. Our job is to sympathise."

It was reported in May that almost a third of people visiting Kingston food bank were there because of benefit issues.

The King's Centre receives most of its donations from church members, schools and Women's Institute members.

'I will stick by my promises': Terry Paton

Good night for Tories

The Conservatives triumphed in a former Liberal Democrat stronghold in the Beverley ward byelection last Thursday.

Former policeman Terry Paton won the seat for the Conservatives with 1,033 votes, defeating Lib Dem candidate Lesley Heap by 272 votes.

Labour candidate Marian Freedman came a close third with 717 votes.

Speaking after the win, Councillor Terry Paton, said: "I am honoured the people voted for me and trusted me. I am surprised by the amount that we won by – we are pleased by that.

"Thank you to everyone who came and voted. I will stick by my promises. I am delighted with the turnout."

The turnout for the Beverley ward byelection was 42 per cent from an electorate of 6,992.

❑ For more see Friday's Surrey Comet.

Breakdown of the votes

Conservatives:	1,033
Lib Dems:	760
Labour:	717
UKIP:	223
Green:	207

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Shop till you drop

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The 2013 International Youth Arts Festival came to a spectacular end at the weekend, as shoppers were treated to a dazzling aerial acrobatics display.

As part of the conclusion of IYAF, the Bentall Centre hosted the Summer Sky Ribbon Dance, which saw acrobats perform a routine suspended from the shopping centre ceiling.

Shoppers looked on as the performers carried out death-defying stunts in a routine designed to make the most of the Bentall Centre's glass roof and provide a fitting send off.

❑ For more on the IYAF festival see Friday's Surrey Comet

Your favourite IYAF moments

- Ann Hutchinson: "Bits and Box. It really was amazing. We booked them for another show."
- Phil Hetherington: "Cell. It is a very nice piece. It's very moving and about motor neurone disease but it is lovely. It made my daughter cry."
- Photographer Oliver Pusey, 15, from Worcester Park: "The Great British Network. It is all about the British railways and how they have been privatised. It's just quite interesting."
- Karen Elcock, from Reading: "Erroneous at Kingston College. It was a really powerful story brings into focus the problems of Alzheimer's but it's very clever and you don't know until the end of the play that's what it's about."
- Bob Phillips, Surbiton: "Persephone. It is very ambitious as it's a circus school rather than a circus. A lot of people are just learning. What they did on stage was very ambitious for a school and they executed it brilliantly. There were all sorts of body types. It wasn't just athletes."
- Brett Alderton: "Cell. It's just a truly beautiful piece and captures people."

Oceana nightclub licence deal cost council £30k

Kingston Council spent more than £30,000 on the aborted Oceana licence hearing, it has been revealed.

The authority paid £24,888 to its legal and environmental officers, and £7,055 to barristers, before finally striking a deal with club bosses last month that kept the venue open.

In total, it forked out £31,943 of taxpayers' money – but estimates it could have cost 10 times that amount had the hearing gone ahead.

Had the council lost the appeal, officers estimated the court costs could have exceeded £250,000.

That is in addition to an estimated £20,500 in lawyer fees, and another £8,000 for officers' time.

The figures were revealed after a Freedom of Information request.

Of the expenditure, Kingston Council leader Councillor Liz Green said: "It was not an option.

"[The owners] Luminar appealed against our decision and to defend it we had to employ legal experts, which costs money.

Out on top: Oceana owners Luminar

"If we had gone to a full court case we could have been looking at £300,000 in total, not £30,000."

Kingston Council revoked Luminar's licence during a public hearing in November following the murder of Jamie Sanderson inside the club on October 25.

Luminar appealed and a hearing was due to take place earlier this month before the two parties came to a private agreement during a private meeting.

Councillor Ken Smith, who walked out of the meeting after refusing to sign a gagging order, said: "I think if you are protecting the interests of the residents and to do so you are going to end up in court, then there is a price to be paid.

"But are we saying we did not proceed with this because of costs or for another reason?"

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Borough snubbed for school cash

Kingston has been snubbed by a Department for Education programme that has been dishing out £820m for extra school places across the country.

The borough only received funding for an extra 24 places at the special needs Dysart School in Ewell Road, Surbiton.

Meanwhile, Croydon Council was awarded funding for seven new schools, opening up more than 5,000 school places for children.

Councillor David Ryder-Mills, lead member for schools and continuing education, said: "The cynic in me says that because we have been seen to cope well with the huge increase, and still continue to cope, we are getting small palliations whereas perhaps other boroughs not coping so well are getting more."

But Tiffin School governor and ex Conservative leader of the council Kevin Davis said: "For this free school bid [north Kingston] they have not got any money and now they have money and no school.

"The whole thing is baffling."

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Birthday shared with a prince

by JON SHARMAN
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A dad, born days before Prince William, celebrated the birth of his own baby boy on Monday last week.

Daniel Nevin, 31, and mum Jodie Abrams, 30, from Surbiton, welcomed their son Archie into the world at 3.20am. He weighed 7lb 2oz.

Mr Nevin said he was ecstatic.

He said: "I am relieved that he is here and he is healthy. It is quite overwhelming at the moment, but it is great."

His three-year-old son Bobby visited his baby brother in hospital.

Mr Nevin said: "He had a cuddle and a kiss. He is quite protective over him already.

"Bobby keeps us fit and running around after him – and now we have got two to contend with. We are looking forward to it."

Kingston Hospital said 18 babies were born on the same day, sharing their birthday with Prince George, many at about midnight.

Babies born on the same day as the future monarch traditionally received a special edition silver penny.

Bell-ringers at Kingston's All Saints Church rang a quarter peal of Cambridge Major to mark the occasion.

Brought together at short notice by Robin Leale, they got eight of the church's 12 bells into action for about an hour on Tuesday last week.

In the 10th century, the first kings of England were anointed and crowned in Kingston in a predecessor of the present church before Westminster Abbey was built.

St Andrew's Church in Surbiton also rang its bells for the future Supreme Governor of the Church of England.

The Bentall Centre got children to make crowns and write a message to the new Prince of Cambridge as part of the Thumbs Up its Thursday campaign.

The future monarch's great uncle Prince Edward visited the Rose Theatre for the International Youth Arts Festival closing event on Thursday, July 25.

The royal borough has always commemorated royal affairs in style.

Residents of the Sunray estate in Tolworth held a torchlight procession when Prince Charles was born on November 14, 1948.

Flags were flown in most public buildings and many shops to celebrate. A peal was rung on the bells of the parish church.

Three children shared Charles's birthday at Kingston County Hospital maternity ward, and one, a boy, was born a quarter of an hour after the prince.

When Prince William was born in 1982 the mayor of Kingston, Councillor Kenneth Gooding, kept up the centuries-old tradition by sending a message to the Prince and Princess of Wales.

That year, our sister paper the Surrey Comet had a royal baby contest featuring historic photographs of the 19th and 20th centuries.

All Saints Church is making the newly-born Prince of Cambridge an honorary cherub.

People who want to become cherubs alongside the future King of England can go to the All Saints website to sign up.

For more local news see kingstonguardian.co.uk

New family: Jodie, Daniel and their son Archie

Bailed over DJ's death

Police investigating the death of Norbiton resident Warsame Warsame have re-bailed a man arrested on suspicion of GBH until later this month.

Mr Warsame, 24, who was known as DJ Instant, was found unconscious on a train travelling between Wimbledon and Raynes Park on March 2 and died in hospital two days later.

British Transport Police (BTP) were trying to establish whether he died as a result of injuries sustained during a fight on a different train earlier that day, or from a pre-existing medical condition caused after a vicious assault at a nightclub.

They issued an appeal in April asking for a key witness to come forward – a middle-aged woman who boarded the train at Surbiton and stepped in to try to stop the fight.

A 24-year-old man from Wallington was arrested on March 16 on suspicion of causing grievous bodily harm, but has so far has not been charged.

A BTP spokeswoman said the man had been rebailed until August 13.

Traffic chaos after roadworks ramp collapses

The collapse of a ramp covering roadworks in Cromwell Road on Wednesday last week caused gridlock throughout Kingston's one-way system.

Two sections of plastic plating covering a trench dug by Virgin Media were dislodged by the weight of traffic, closing two lanes.

Traffic tailed back through Hampton Wick and bus services were disrupted.

Passengers got off buses and walked to bypass queues.

One Twitter user described the heat in the traffic jam as "suffocating".

Kingston Council told Virgin to finish filling in the trench by 3pm on Thursday.

The work was brought forward to prevent further disruption to traffic.

Damage to the road surface following the collapse meant the company did not have enough material to complete the filling of the trench on the Wednesday night.

Ramps were replaced and lanes re-opened shortly before 7.30pm on that day.

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‘It’s not a caravan site’

by NAZIA DEWJI
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Travellers were able to drive their caravans into a public park after “a council fence was removed” by allotment owners, it has been claimed.

Residents and councillors watched on as four caravans moved into Manor Park, Worcester Park, on the evening of Tuesday, July 23.

They had a table, a parasol and a dog kennel among their belongings. The invasion came days before a council election in nearby New Malden, echoing an encroachment on Kingston’s Fairfield in June 2012.

But entry into the park was easier for the group as the owners of the Hawthorne Woods had spent months chopping down trees, burning them and flattening the area for allotment plots.

The owners also allegedly took out the fence that backed on to the council-owned part of the land.

The group was escorted from the site by police last Thursday evening.

Councillor Simon James, lead member for sustainability and sport, said: “We are, of course, very annoyed they took out part of our fence.

“We are investigating suing for any legal wasted costs. This guy has removed part of the fence and this has allowed these guys across.”

Sumdar Guru, who is representing three owners of the seven proposed allotments said he would investigate the claim, saying: “I was there [on Wednesday, July 24] securing the whole place with Kingston Council officers. No one mentioned anything about it to me. You are the first person to mention this to me.

Confrontation: Police talk to travellers at Manor Park

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“I am more than willing to help to secure our part of the land – anything to do with the site, I will do it.”

A council spokesman confirmed another site for the travellers had been identified and the offer would be made to them.

He said: “Bottom line is, it’s a public park not a caravan site.”

It is believed the travellers are the same group that moved on to the derelict Worcester Park Tavern car park for weeks. Piles of rubbish were left behind when they finally left earlier this year.

Councillor Shiraz Mirza said: “When I had the phone call the caravans were just coming in.

“They went shopping, obviously suggesting they’re here to stay. I could see salad, jam bottles, women carrying the food stuff. There are young children, babies, people of all ages. They had clear bags, must be some local shops where they picked up some food.

“This is a very nice, popular park and there is a play area so their kids were playing in that. It was just like a picnic.”

But dog walker Bev Ward, 67, of Idmiston Square, Worcester Park, who takes her Yorkshire terrier, Rafael, for a stroll through the park every day called the site an “eyesore”.

She said: “Everyone is concerned about it because it looks awful. It has ruined the front of the park.”

Chris Cockel, project officer at the Environment Trust for Richmond, which also works in Kingston, said: “What started out as quite a nice piece of woodland has been decimated by a private landowner.

“It resembles something you might see in a Borneo rainforest. It is a total mess. It’s a green flag park so it really makes a mockery out of the green flag system if a green flag park can be treated this way.”

Kingston Council’s Conservative leader Councillor Howard Jones said: “It’s good to know the police are responsive and arrive in a timely manner. The council’s response was woeful.

“I spent over an hour at the scene trying to find someone to take a lead role – it was frustrating. I know early intervention can make such a difference to the outcome.”

In 2010 London Mayor Boris Johnson halved the number of gypsy and traveller sites needed to just 238 despite previously indicating that these would double.

At the time he said an increase in pitches for travellers could not be justified.

❑ **What do you think? Email newsdesk@kingstonguardian.co.uk.**

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Closing Dates for entries will be 23rd August. The winning gardens will be announced at the Kingston in Bloom Awards in early September.

Comet John Lewis

More time to bloom

The Kingston in Bloom competition has been extended following a flood of entries this year.

The competition, which attracts a core group of about 40 residents each year, has six categories this year: best front garden, best blooming pub, best community space or street, best public building and business premises, best education establishment display and best hanging baskets and containers.

Keeping with a tradition that began last year, the best community space or street will still be named the Mary Rollinson award in honour of keen gardener Graham Rollinson’s wife.

John Lewis Kingston has offered a range of prizes.

Lene Wood, community liaison co-ordinator at John Lewis Kingston, said: “This year we have donated all the prizes from our Outdoor Living range.”

Utilities and construction company Cappagh is also sponsoring the event.

Entries must be in by August 23. Winners will be announced in September.

Stabbing: Blagdon Park

Police to tackle park's yobs

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Kingston police have promised to tackle disorder in a New Malden park following a stabbing last month.

Officers have pledged to stamp out behaviour that has blighted Blagdon Park.

Two men have been bailed after a boy aged 16 was stabbed in the park on July 3.

The move comes as the Metropolitan Police launched an antisocial behaviour initiative across 32 London boroughs.

The programme of co-ordinated action will continue until September.

But Blagdon Road resident Sebastian Amos said: "How are they going to solve it? I have no idea. I hope they can. They recognise it is a problem. It has to be an ongoing initiative. It does feel like crime has been increasing recently. It does feel slightly unsafe.

"The summer is always worse because the young people have nothing to do. The park is close to the high street and shops that sell alcohol."

New Malden Councillor Lynne Finnerty said: "Blagdon Park has been a problem.

"It all boils down to police being available. We have had an issue with staffing levels.

"I am hoping, with the new policing model, police are not taken away to busier places because that is what has been happening before.

"But you have got to believe them. They don't want crime."

In April 2009 a teenage boy was left in a coma for more than two weeks and with brain damage after he was attacked by a south London gang in Blagdon Park.

Officers launched a murder inquiry fearing he would die.

That same month a woman was left traumatised after she was robbed in the park.

In June 2009 a dog walker was also set upon by a gang of youths who left him needing 15 stitches on his face.

A CCTV camera put in the park was revealed not to be working. It has since been removed.

Beverley ward Councillor Simon James, lead member for sustainability and sport, said: "It is good that the police are going to be paying more attention to the area and I hope that continues.

"That said, the park is not a dangerous one and it is somewhere that I am still happy for my own children to play."

Police will aim to target the top five antisocial behaviour offenders from drug dealers to persistent drinkers and nuisance neighbours around Blagdon Park.

Other promises made by Kingston police were to tackle the issue of cyclists on pavements and to reduce drug crime in Surbiton.

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Road death

A Tolworth Hospital patient who died after being mown down by a car had been discharged days earlier.

Michael Khan, 36, from Surbiton, died in Banstead on September 11, 2011, when he was hit by a car while walking in the road.

Surrey coroner Richard Travers recorded a verdict of accidental death on Monday at Woking Coroner's Court.

A spokeswoman for South West London and St George's Mental Health Trust said: "Mr Kahn wished to return home following a stay at Tolworth Hospital.

"He was discharged with a comprehensive care plan for daily follow-up visits by the home treatment team.

"An investigation into his discharge was carried out and a doctor's report was submitted to the inquest."

A clinical psychiatrist was reported to have told the inquest Mr Khan was reluctant to leave the hospital, but the trust said that was incorrect.

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Cycling on pavements

MEGAN TITLEY asked people in Canbury Gardens for their thoughts on cyclists who use the pavement.
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Momin Javaid, a film-maker from Kingston, said: "They don't have the right to speed along the path. It gives cyclists a bad name."

Steph Lawn, a school worker from Kingston, said: "As a parent we want our children on the pavement."

Lucy Donaldson, 15, a pupil at Tolworth Girls' School, said: "I don't think it's a bad thing. It depends on the speed."

Ria Newman, 15, a pupil at Grey Court School, said: "It's about how old they are."

Rad Kruczek, a clerk from Kingston, said: "I know that a lot of people are walking on the cycle path as well."

Andy Haines, 34, a company director from Ham, said: "I'd rather they cycle on the cycle path. It's unnecessary when they run parallel."

Alex Vickers, 26, a Rotunda worker from Kingston, said: "If there were better surfaces and longer cycle paths then it would be fine."

Searching for our best bar

The search for Kingston's best pubs and clubs is on once more, following the launch of the 2013 Best Bar None awards.

Sponsored by the Kingston Guardian, the scheme recognises the venues doing their best to promote the town's night-time economy in a responsible way.

Organised by Kingston Council and Kingstonfirst, the awards were officially launched at the Bishop Out of Residence pub in Bishop's Hall.

Categories include best club, pub, independent venue and atmosphere, as well as best behind the bar.

Two new awards – best staff member and biggest contributor to the night time economy – have been added this year.

❑ To enter the awards, or to get more information, visit **kingstonfirst.co.uk.**

New boss: Sian Bates
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All about looking outward, says hospital's new boss

by JON SHARMAN
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The new chairman of Kingston Hospital has promised she will work with patients and patients' groups when she takes the reins in September.

Sian Bates, 56, who lives in Hampton, oversaw five primary care trusts in south-west London, including Kingston, for two years until April, and was chairman of Richmond Primary Care Trust for 10 years before that.

She said: "I am not going to be a chairman that just looks within the walls of Kingston – my stance is outward.

"If we were to adopt any style other than partnership working, transparency, and being the greatest listening organisation it would fail.

"It is all about working with our community."

She said she will also focus on gathering "real-time" feedback on services from patients and staff.

She said: "I have to ensure that the quality remains. We want it to get better. I would want to get out and meet the staff – I want to get to hear what they are saying.

"That would be one of my first priorities."

Addressing the concerns of campaigners who say the looming closure of accident and emergency and maternity services at Epsom and St Helier hospitals will put pressure on Kingston, Mrs Bates said the hospital is "well-placed" to expand.

She said: "If Better Services, Better Value means more pressure on Kingston Hospital, we need to plan for that.

"I think Kingston would be wonderfully-placed in those two areas, but it all depends on what the public say.

"I am not pre-empting anything.

"We have had increased usage of accident and emergency, and Kingston Hospital has coped. I think that if they have coped with it they will absolutely continue to cope with it."

A planning application for a new two-storey maternity building was turned down by Kingston Council earlier this year, due to parking concerns.

'A good appointment'

Councillor Dennis Doe, a hospital governor elected by the public, said: "It is a great pity that the past chairman had to leave because of his serious ill health.

"I am very impressed with the speed at which they have moved, and I am very impressed they have got Sian Bates. I am delighted she has been appointed because from all my previous experience with her, she is a very sharp woman."

Kicking out traders is 'undemocratic'

Kingston Society has said it is still "confused" about plans to boot out three Market Place traders, despite a successful meeting with Kingstonfirst to discuss the redevelopment project recently.

A greeting card stall, a CD and DVD stall and a stall that sold watches were all part of the eviction process to turn the 12th century market into a medley of food stalls.

But Kingston Society vice-chairman Brian Godding said: "It is undemocratic. We are happy with the form the market would take, but are confused by the way it is being managed by Kingstonfirst – it does not want to hear objections."

Kingstonfirst had previously offered the market traders a plot in the Fairfield Monday Market, or the opportunity to stay on and change the product they sold.

The public meeting between Kingston Society members, Kingstonfirst and project manager Mark Teasdale took place at Tiffin School in Queen Elizabeth Road, on July 17.

The regeneration works will begin from September.

Foodies: Last year's festival
Courtesy: Julia Claxton/Kingston Food Festival

Something to tickle taste buds as festival hits town

A bicycle-powered bubble machine and a magical teapot will be among the highlights of the Kingston Food Festival this year.

Clipper the Magical Teapot will be at the centre of the entertainment revealing prizes and handing out tea samples to the crowds.

Electric Pedals' most recent invention, the bicycle-powered bubble machine will be arriving with London's StockMKT night market on August 8.

Special guests, Kenny Clayton and Paul Ryan of the West End's Hippodrome will be performing from their Great Song Book Series.

Friday night kicks into action with live entertainment from the TGI Friday roadshow.

Chilli cherry chocolate martinis and Bacardi sweethearts are on the cocktail sampling menu.

This is all in addition to the infamous chilli challenge, restaurant week and countless events to keep the kids busy.

The festival will run from Saturday, August 3, to Sunday, August 11.

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Historic Penny in for a pounding

by JON SHARMAN
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A campaign to save a 185-year-old building, opened by royalty as an infant school for the poor, has failed.

Councillors voted to allow Kingston College to demolish the Penny School building in Richmond Road to make room for a three-storey college extension.

Neighbours who objected to the planned demolition said the Penny School, built in 1828, was "a memorial to the town's educational and philanthropic history".

Features editor June Sampson, from our sister paper Surrey Comet, also wrote in support, saying the "modest building" may be unique in Britain.

The Kingston Society said the loss of the Penny School would be an "unthinkable sacrifice", although the development would improve the "dilapidated" site.

George Rome Innes, from the society, said: "I think it is an act of vandalism. We have few historic buildings left in Kingston. Year after year, more things disappear.

"It is ridiculous. It could well have been incorporated [into the development]."

Neighbours who objected to the demolition said the Penny School, built in 1828, was "a memorial to the town's educational and philanthropic history".

To go: The Penny School was built in 1828 for children who could not afford regular school

Committee chairman Councillor Vicki Harris said: "It was with a heavy heart we approved that one.

"They have done everything you could possibly want from a developer – apart from having to knock down the building.

"Unfortunately we could not have refused it because of that, because that would have been laughed out of the planning inspectorate."

Councillor Ken Smith voted against the plans.

He said: "It could have been argued with the inspector that it was something worth keeping.

"Once it is gone it is gone. It may not have been a listed building, but nevertheless it was part of Kingston heritage.

"I think they could have done more to preserve that small Penny School."

The Kingston Society's submission to the council said although the development would improve the "dilapidated" site, the loss of the Penny School would be an "unthinkable sacrifice".

Kingston College principal Peter Mayhew-Smith said opposition to the demolition at the meeting was "sensitive" and "intelligent".

He said: "It is a real shame. It does symbolise something important in Kingston's heritage and we understand that.

"We simply cannot work around that building."

The new development will replace old and poor-quality academic buildings on the Richmond Road site.

The college hopes to open the building in January 2015, Mr Mayhew-Smith said.

'Short back and chides'

Two men have denied assault after an alleged fight between two barber shops next door to each other in Kingston.

Farhan Ismail, 35, of Earle Gardens, Kingston, and Zeshan Ismail, 27, of Coombe Lane West, Kingston, appeared at Lavender Hill Magistrates' Court on July 24.

They denied inflicting grievous bodily harm without intent and assault on Mohanad Nasraldin and Omar Nasraldin, from the next door shop Bonta, on Monday evening, last week.

Bonta was a sandwich shop bought on a 12-year lease in the past few months. But the new owners were in the process of opening a hairdressers.

The Ismails will appear at Kingston Crown Court on August 7, for a hearing.

Ismail's Barber Shop has been cutting hair for more than 10 years and counted England rugby captain Chris Robshaw among its clientele.

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Unable to make final decisions

Prior to Liberal Democrat control at Guildhall, we had a good system (which incidentally, Wandsworth, Hammersmith and Fulham and Sutton adopted) whereby we had committees based at Guildhall for education, social services, housing, etc.

As soon as the Lib Dems took control they introduced neighbourhood committees (similar to four mini councils, but with added costs for council administration.)

With Kingston, although being one of the smallest boroughs, we had the highest council tax and this could be reduced by eliminating the costs of neighbourhood committees and associated costs.

If these committees were to make decisions by councillors, why would any final decision have to be decided by the development committee at Guildhall?

The latest fiasco is the Yew Tree development in Church Road, Worcester Park. The property is to be demolished and houses built on the site.

While neighbours realise it would be preferable to a derelict building, they had concerns concerning the height, etc, and made their objections clearly at a recent neighbourhood meeting.

Members agreed with the residents' requests for the design to be changed to fit in with the character of Church Road.

The public would think the decision made would be the final word – not a bit of it.

It then had to go to development committee, where the members on the panel come from across the borough and, therefore, do not have knowledge of the area in question.

The spokesman for the residents made clear their objections, but, when it came to a vote, it was supported by the Conservative members, but the Lib Dem members voted against it and the chairman had the final vote against.

Many of the recently elected councillors will have no knowledge of the former procedure, whereby committees were held at Guildhall with officers in attendance to answer residents' queries and decisions final.

This system worked very well and would be less costly to administer.

Why have neighbourhood committees that are unable to make final decisions?

COUN DAVID FRASER
New Malden

Cycle race disruption

I was interested in your correspondent's letter (Day will be nightmare, July 25) and have great sympathy with all they said.

I consider these races to be an unwelcome intrusion that causes considerable inconvenience to many of us.

I have a 99-year-old father living in Wimbledon who is dependent on our being able to help him daily and in emergencies. I cannot see how, with Coombe Lane/Worple Road closed, as well as Parkside/Hill Road in Wimbledon, I can do either on the race days.

He lives far from the station and will be completely cut off by bus or car. In addition we normally attend a church in Wimbledon and it appears that will be impossible too.

Last year, at the time of the Olympic races, my daughter, who lives near Hampton Court, was pregnant and we were all worried as to what would happen if the baby came on a race day – as was the hospital.

Let us have the courtesy of some discussion and consultation before this inconvenience becomes an annual event.

NAME AND ADDRESS SUPPLIED

Big thanks

Many thanks to the two girls and the couple in a grey car who chased after Rufus when he bolted from Barton Green.

After meeting a very friendly dog he just tore out of the park and ran non-stop for my house, crossing several roads and, to my amazement, was in one of the girl's arms on my doorstep when I arrived minutes later.

He is my daughter's dog and was staying with us during her house move.

I am so grateful for all the help given. How he arrived in one piece is amazing.

CLAIRE UNSWORTH
New Malden

Hillcroft shambles was hardly a surprise

On reading your report (College told to improve or face funding withdrawal, May 23) I was not entirely surprised at the news Hillcroft had been spending in a reckless way.

I spent three months there on a course for over-60s and we found the bedroom accommodation sparse, if adequate, for most people.

In our case the teachers were excellent experts in their fields. To some of us it was a strain. To begin with, early mornings and stacks of study, even those who had been employed well after their retirement age.

I feel we worked hard on our different subjects and threw ourselves into the daily five-hour schedules, mostly also working at night to hone our skills.

Very good facilities were available. There was also a huge amount of reading material and a good library.

My course ended in December and I was still working on the 17th, a long and exhaustive study in the psychiatric field. So involved and totally absorbed, never mind sleep.

I did not have a full copy of my work and presumed the college would have the master copy, so I could return and retain (I thought worthwhile work), but I became ill with one serious complaint then suffered from angina meaning my movements were limited.

At last I returned to seek my work, but was shocked and devastated it could not be shown to my children or see the light of day.

Subsequent enquiries came to nothing and lastly, after discharge from Kingston Hospital, I sought principal Michael Wheeler.

Some time before I had been to an open day and approached one of the governors who promised to pass on my message.

Silence.

There was money to be made from the concert advertised, but were shocked as none of us students could afford them. Perhaps the artists got a good deal.

Teachers who cannot be named could have seen something amiss in the system at Hillcroft and made plans to get other work. I am glad they did.

Basically they were decent. My loss is irreparable.

PAULINE WESTCOTT
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Highlights of the year

RAYNES PARK HIGH SCHOOL

- Named in the Top 100 schools nationally for improved progress in GCSEs
- Outstanding A Level Results with 99% pass rate
- Maths and Science named in the top 25% for value added
- Introduction of innovative curriculum • Brand new Post 16 Basketball Academy

Raynes Park High School top 100 most improved schools in the country

Raynes Park High School is celebrating their official listing in the top 100 most improved schools in the country in terms of progress by the Minister of State for Schools, Rt Hon David Laws MP.

The Merton school has been recognised for the excellent progress made by students between Key Stage 2 and GCSE. Headteacher, Phil Wheatley, received a personal letter from Schools Minister, David Laws congratulating students and staff on their 'hard work and success'.

Raynes Park High School is proud of its recent achievements and confident about their ambitious plans for the future, with GCSE and A level results predicted to increase further this summer, the introduction of their Basketball Academy from September 2013, and an exciting programme of activities and events running throughout the year, starting with their new Summer School.

Inspiring futures: Careers Academy at Raynes Park

The Careers Academy at Raynes Park is part of a rolling programme which provides students with talks from professionals from across a number of careers and industries in order to encourage them to think about their futures, their university applications and what courses they want to study after life in the Sixth Form.

Recently, students attended a talk from South Thames College on careers in the catering and hospitality industries, received inspirational visits from a range of guest speakers and had the opportunity to receive personal careers advice. One of the Careers Academy sessions was delivered by Doctor Cadoux-Hudson who visited the school to provide students with an insight into a career in medicine. This was a great opportunity for students to gain valuable knowledge about the training and life of a doctor.

The Careers Academy's first creative speed dating event went particularly well with businesses and universities attending to speak with students about their options post-18. The event was hosted at the school and provided students with a unique opportunity to learn about a whole range of possible future career choices and university courses.

Raynes Park High School is committed to ensuring all students are encouraged to realise their future ambitions and enjoy successful futures and believes their Careers Academy is a great step towards achieving this.

2012 saw record A level results at Raynes Park, with 99% pass rate and this year, every Year 13 student who has applied has successfully secured a place at their chosen university.

"It was so helpful being able to speak to this many people from such different careers and ask them questions about their day-to-day roles. It has certainly made me think about what I want from my future and I am excited to get started!" Year 10 student

Exciting new Basketball Academy launched from September 2013

BASKETBALL RAYNES PARK ACADEMY

Combining academic achievement and sporting excellence

Raynes Park is introducing a brand new initiative for high-achieving Sixth Form students with a passion for sport, particularly basketball. The Raynes Park Basketball Academy will launch this September with students following a carefully structured programme of basketball training alongside their academic studies.

The programme will be led and overseen by Deputy Headteacher, Paul Castle, a former professional basketball player who has represented Great Britain. The academy coach is Tony Grant, also a former professional basketball player and qualified English Basketball Association (EBBA) coach. The Raynes Park Basketball Academy is endorsed by Renaldo Lawrence – former NBA basketball professional, and his son Andrew Lawrence, a current member of the Team GB basketball team.

The Academy is founded on the belief that sporting excellence and academic achievement go hand-in-hand, requiring exceptional levels of self-discipline motivation and hard-work. Students will study from the wide range of A level courses on offer at Raynes Park Sixth Form, whilst also developing their sporting skills through regular matches in the National Basketball League, with coaching from professionals.

The aim is to prepare students for the world of higher education, by providing a balance of academia and sports through a unique curriculum offer and many will hopefully go on to achieve sporting scholarships in the UK, Europe, the US and beyond.

Entrepreneurship at Raynes Park High School

Year 10 business students from Raynes Park have been busy creating a new healthy juice drink for an entrepreneurial challenge, run by professionals from Coca-Cola.

Students presented concepts in a 'Raynes Park Dragon's Den' and, after much deliberation, the winners were 'Team Go' with their 'Go Wildberry' drink. The team worked extremely hard to meet Coca-Cola's brief and created the slogan 'Go happy, Go healthy, Go hydrated' alongside their drink.

Team Go's entry was submitted to Coca-Cola and the school is delighted to announce that it made it through to the regional finals! The students headed to London for the finals where they had the exciting opportunity to work on a live project with the team from Coca-Cola and met some famous faces from the popular BBC One show 'The Apprentice'.

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LET'S FALL IN LOVE Attractive, professional and solvent lady, 60, 5'7'', dark hair and brown eyes, likes arts, antiques, theatre, cinema, music and dining out, searching for a similar genuine man, to love. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 119593**

PURE INTENTIONS Passionate Tadworth lady, 61, likes travel, cooking, dancing and cinema, seeking an lively chap, 45-50, for company and more. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 124071**

BEING GENUINE Genuine, attractive, slimmish Croydon female, 61, 5'8'', auburn hair, youthful, loves classical music, theatre, France and much more, looking for a tall, nons-moking gent, for a lasting relationship. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 468587 or send a text to 80360**

INTO THE FUTURE Lively, active Surrey lady, 62, likes country walks, the beach, dance music and dancing, looking for a nice, kind, caring gent, 55-68, for fun, laughter and more. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 126334**

ENJOY GOOD TIMES Young 63yr old, dark hair, from Thames Ditton, loves 60s music, animals, reading, seeks sociable chap, for company. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 107078 or send a text to 80360**

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EVERYTHING I DO Warm-hearted, organised and reliable London-based Russian girl, 64, searching for an exciting, articulate man, for good times and great company. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 143020 or send a text to 80360**

YOU MIGHT BE LUCKY Outgoing, brown-eyed Surbiton lady, 65, long dark hair, likes cooking, eating out, dancing and holidays abroad, seeking a nice gent, for companionship and lots more. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 461376**

THEY DO EXIST Energetic, pensive, reliable Croydon lady, 66, 5'2'', wants to meet a stylish, focused guy, for fun times and happiness. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 136270**

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SIMILAR WAVELENGTH? Genuine, happy Epsom guy, 42, 6'5'', slim build, enjoys cinema, going out, good food and evenings in, would like to meet a similar woman, bubbly and kind, for lots of laughter and more. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 125171 or send a text to 80360**

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MUSIC LOVER Approachable, outgoing male, 48, medium build, enjoys keeping fit and going to music concerts, seeking a positive, bubbly, curvaceous woman, to build a loving relationship with. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 147431**

CURVY LADY WANTED Professional, outgoing, intelligent South Norwood man, 49, enjoys eating out and weekends away with family and friends, looking for attractive, curvaceous woman, for romance. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 147510**

RECIPE FOR ROMANCE Easygoing Surbiton male, 49, 6'2'', fair hair, brown eyes, medium, loves pubs, wine bars, country walks, wltm a genuine, friendly female, for good times leading to more. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 115665 or send a text to 80360**

CLOSE TO YOU Blue-eyed Surrey male, 49, 6'2'', med build, loves cooking, wine bars and much more, seeks a like-minded, loving woman, to share the future. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 102483**

HONEST RELATIONSHIP Honest, confident black London male, 50, 5'11'', medium build, would like to meet a tall, sophisticated, spontaneous black female, 5'9''+, to socialise and share life with. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 136644**

A FUTURE FILLED WITH LAUGHTER Romantic, solvent Epsom guy, 50, loving, tactile, separated, enjoys being demonstrative, having a laugh and lots more, seeking a trustworthy, slim/med build lady, for friendship and love. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 133949 or send a text to 80360**

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ONE DAY I'LL FIND YOU Caring, generous Surrey male, 51, enjoys long walks and staying in with someone special, would like to meet an affectionate, exciting female, to care for and love. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 146640 or send a text to 80360**

FUN AND A LAUGH Genuine, professional, intelligent Sutton male, 53, N/S, looking to meet a like-minded woman, for fun, exciting times together. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 147161 or send a text to 80360**

SOLID AS A ROCK Charming Irish male, 61, Croydon. Enjoys rugby, golf, tennis and more, searching for a nice lady, 40-60, to share the best things in life. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 111401**

SIMILAR WAVELENGTH? Genuine, sincere, slim Richmond guy, 61, heavily interested in various types of music, would like to meet a woman of a similar age, for friendship, then, perhaps a long-term relationship. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 146647 or send a text to 80360**

RELAXED RELATIONSHIP Retired black lady, 63, 5'6'', looking for a non-smoking gent, who enjoys days out, meals together, having a laugh and socialising. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 143424 or send a text to 80360**

LIFE CAN BE BETTER Easygoing, solvent Mitcham male, 63, GSOH, romantic, N/S, likes coast drives, animals, nights in/out, cinema and music, seeking a slim, N/S and happy woman, 50-60, for company and hopefully more. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 121487**

COMBINE WITH ME Happy, romantic Worcester Park male, 84, good sense of humour, enjoys theatre, cinema, eating out, rock bands, searching for a nice woman, to share love and laughter. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 134452**

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GET TOGETHER Fit, attractive, blue-eyed Croydon male, 43, 5'6'', self-employed, likes sport, DVDs, good company and more, seeks a fun, mature, honest, down-to-earth male, for great times. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 464397**

LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU Fit, tall, genuine Leatherhead male, 51, bi-sexual, divorced, 6ft, polite, sincere, would like to meet a like-minded male, intelligent and active, for fun and maybe more. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 132398**

PARADISE AWAY Young looking, slim-built Surbiton guy, 52, blonde, sociable, caring, enjoys bars, walks and general outdoor activities, would like to meet an older guy for fun friendship and maybe more. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 118678 or send a text to 80360**

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NORMAL PASSIONS Romantic, smart white male, 57, likes dancing, holidays, social drinks, socialising, seeks a nice black lady, to share life with. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 111914**

MEANT TO MEET Sensible, bright, fun Surrey male, 57, would like to meet a nice, considerate, loyal female for laughter, romance and a lasting future together. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 145849 or send a text to 80360**

MORE THAN WORD Divorced, easygoing Surrey male, 60, 5'8'', stocky build, smoker, likes wining & dining, walks, swimming and more, seeks an easygoing, slim female, 40-60, for friendship & company. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 104052**

IS THERE A SPECIAL LADY? Very light-hearted 60yr old, 6', blue eyes, fairly slim, clean shaven, lively and active, lives near Croydon, seeks pretty woman, 28-50, for fun times, perhaps leading to long term relationship. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 125966 or send a text to 80360**

DROP ME A LINE Youthful Croydon chap, 61, slim, 5'8'', GSOH, enjoys pubs, countryside, fishing, modern and 60s music, seeking a similar outgoing and warm female, for friendship & maybe more. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 112227**

BEST THINGS IN LIFE Divorced Caterham guy, 64, N/S, 5'11'', easygoing and considerate, enjoys cooking, theatre, sport, dining and travel, seeking a bubbly, positive and caring lady, for laughs & enjoying life. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 112226**

PICK-ME-UP Divorced Surrey male, 65, happy and solvent, own home/car, into 60s music, bowling and cooking, seeking a lady, to share life with. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 101747**

LET'S SEE WHERE IT GOES Laid-back, thoughtful, widowed Sutton male, 67, 5'10'', enjoys gardening, golfing and holidays abroad, searching for female, to share good times and happiness. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 147191 or send a text to 80360**

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NOT QUITE PAST IT! Retired, professional Hampton male, 74, GSOH, solvent, N/S, enjoys gardening, cooking, walks and meals in or out, searching for a similar female, positive with GSOH, for company and maybe more. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 127526 or send a text to 80360**

GET ON THAT PHONE! Smart, tactile, loyal 70s Carshalton gent, likes pub lunches, dancing, drives, music and more, wltm attractive, trendy lady, with old fashion views. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 135054**

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SEASON OF SINGING

If you love to sing and are up for a challenge, the latest one-day choral event at the Rose Theatre is for you, *writes Jon Sharman*.

After the success of last year's jubilee concert and a Valentine's special in February, the Rose Plus Choir is back.

Brave singers learn a list of songs in just one day, then perform to family, friends, and the public in the evening.

The theme this time around is seasonal – so expect some Autumn Leaves, some Winter Winds, The Springtime of the Year, and a Summer Holiday, along with other favourites.

West End professionals Noa Bodner, Richard Hartley Wilson and Alex Young will also join in.

Musical director Eamonn O'Dwyer says: "I absolutely love rehearsing with the Rose Plus Choir because of the aspect of challenge involved.

"Learning eight or nine songs in a day is no mean feat, and it instantly puts everyone on a level playing field.

"Whether you're a regular chorister, or whether you only ever sing in the shower, we all have to learn new tunes and new harmonies at the rate of about half-an-hour per song.

"I'm also very lucky to have a crack team of West End soloists at my disposal.

"They are professionals at the top of their game, and they sing along with the choir all day, then perform their own solos and duets in the concert too."

Coffee in the morning is included in the price to give choristers the energy to power through the day.

COME SING WITH ME

● **Rose Theatre, High Street, Kingston; Sunday, August 25, 10am; £25; call 08444 821556 or visit rosetheatrekingston.org**

ROSE PLUS CHOIR: THE SEASONS

● **Rose Theatre; August 25, 7.30pm; £5**

FAMILY FEUD

Forbidden love, accidental incest, violent murder and a dysfunctional family unit are just some of the things that will help Oedipussy become the most-talked about slapstick Greek tragedy to hit the Rose Theatre this year.

Armed with historical costumes galore and humorous quips that could derail any love saga, the tale centres around a jealous father and a messed-up son.

Drawing from ancient themes of nudity and mutilation, Oedipussy promises to be a hilariously anarchic physical comedy with playful storytelling throughout.

Taking on times when Hercules was your man and Achilles was a force to be reckoned with, Spymonkey create a historical world within Greece that includes outrageous no-holds barred one-liners.

The show, directed and adapted by Emma Rice with a little help from writer Carl Grose, was winner of the Argus Angel Award for Excellence in Theatre at the Brighton Festival last year.

The production also boasts circus troop Cirque de Soleil's former costume designer Lucy Bradridge and former National Theatre's set designer Michael Vale.

A spokesman from the Rose Theatre says: "Spymonkey are a company that really have to been seen to be believed. They do brilliant comedy that swerves from Greek tragedy to hilarious slapstick and back again without blinking an eyelid."

● **Oedipussy; Rose Theatre, High Street Kingston; October 15-19, 7.30pm and 2.30pm matinee; £8-£25; call 08444 821556, or visit rosetheatrekingston.org.uk.**

OEDIPUSSY

Swim STARS

Up-and-coming indie rockers Swim Deep will be heading to Kingston for an intimate live show next week.

The Birmingham four-piece will play instore at Banquet Records.

Their appearance coincides with the release of debut album Where the Heaven Are We the same week.

● ***Swim Deep; Banquet Records, Eden Street, Kingston; August 8, 6pm; CD and ticket £9.99; banquetrecords.com.***

SWIM DEEP

Vibe SHORTS

DAZED AND CONFUSED: Metal group Sevendaze will rock next week. The Birmingham four-piece play the Fighting Cocks. Support comes in the form of punk duo King Canute and pop rock outfit the Wonder Beers.

● **Sevendaze/King Canute/Wonder Beers; Fighting Cocks, Old London Road, Kingston; August 7, 8pm; £7; the-fighting-cocks.co.uk.**

BRITISH GETAWAY: The history of the British holiday camp is the subject of a new exhibition. Morning Campers! The British Holiday Camp is a look back at a national institution, from the first camp on the Isle of Man in 1894 through to the getaways of the 1950s and 1960s – an era celebrated in 1980s sitcom Hi-De-Hi!

● **Morning Campers! The British Holiday Camp; Kingston Museum, Wheatfield Way, Kingston; until September 14; free; kingston.gov.uk/museums.**

ALIEN ADVENTURE: Aliens Love Underpants involves sing-song rhyme and vibrant colours, and promises to provide a zany and hilarious stage tale. Co-author Ben Cort will sign copies of the book after the 11am and 1.30pm performances on August 3.

● **Aliens Love Underpants; the Rose Theatre, High Street, Kingston; August 1-4, 11am/1.30pm/4pm; £10-12; 08444 821 556, rosetheatre kingston.org.**

LEE'S LAUGHS: Cheeky chappie Lee Nelson is previewing tour material. The character, a creation of Simon Brodkin, is a geezer not afraid of telling the odd ribald tale about relatives.

● **Lee Nelson; Outside the Box Comedy Club; Hampton Hill Playhouse, August 6; Barn Theatre Club, High Street, West Molesey; August 7; 7.30pm; £12; outsidethebox comedy.co.uk.**

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It'd be a crime to miss Ruth

A legend of crime writing will be coming to Kingston to talk about her life, career and the latest novel featuring her iconic detective.

Ruth Rendell, creator of Chief Inspector Reginald Wexford and author of more than 70 books, will be appearing at the Rose Theatre in September.

She will be talking to Sunday Times fiction editor Peter Kemp about her new Wexford novel, No Man's Nightingale, as well as her illustrious career, which has seen her appointed a life peer as well as win the coveted Crime Writers' Association Gold Dagger four times.

Next year, Rendell, who also writes psychological thrillers under the nom-de-plume Barbara Vine, will celebrate 50 years since the publication of her debut novel, From Doon With Death – which introduced the world to the diligent veteran detective Reg Wexford.

The character has entertained generations of fans, and was immortalised in the popular ITV dramatisations starring George Baker.

A Rose Theatre spokesman says: "This is a unique opportunity to hear Ruth Rendell talk about her long and successful career in writing wrongs, and to hear about her new Wexford novel No Man's Nightingale."

"We can't wait to hear the real story of Ruth Rendell's 50 years as a writer and what her new Inspector Wexford novel is all about when she comes to the Rose in September."

● **An evening with Ruth Rendell, Sunday, September 8, 7pm; Rose Theatre, High Street, Kingston; £15; visit rosetheatrekingston.org or call 08444 821556**

Fry me kangaroo UP!

Cometh the summer cometh the time when every man must rummage in the garden shed and pull out the barbecue, *writes Nicholas Hitchens*.

With Australian blood running through my veins (don't mention the Ashes) this most sacred of outdoor cooking techniques should be ingrained, but I ashamedly admit to not even owning a grill.

To correct this, I'm investigating how to host the perfect barbie.

The first big choice is to select between gas and traditional charcoal barbecue.

Peter Atkinson and Tom Wharton at Tucker's Exotic Meat, Kingston, offer a range of outlandish game and bovine cuts.

With the street food stall a permanent feature, the pair use an electric griddle, but Wharton admits the only real way is with the black stuff.

He says: "To get that true smoky flavour on your meat it has to be charcoal. I love pre-prepared bags.

"You just light it up and you are set."

Tucker's does not use the term exotic lightly, offering meat from animals from virtually every continent but Wharton's's two tips are ostrich and kangaroo.

He says: "Kangaroo steaks are awesome, a bit different, and taste a bit like venison.

"I find it tastes best served medium to medium rare.

"Ostrich has virtually zero cholesterol and is just a lovely piece of meat.

"Rather than flash-fry your steaks, cook on a lower heat for a little longer for the medium rare taste retaining the great flavour.

"If you're catering for vegetarians, go for halloumi cheese."

Aussie rules: Tucker's Tom Wharton with an ostrich burger and kangaroo steak

TUCKER'S EXOTIC MEAT

● **Ancient Market Place, Kingston; Two 250g kangaroo fillet steaks, £7; two ostrich burgers, £4.41; visit tuckers-exotics.co.uk**

Al fresco

What kit will you need if you want to take advantage of the weather and hold your own barbecue with friends and family?

Head to Wilkinson in Clarence Street or Argos for the basics such as tongs and a spatula – and a grill, of course.

Supermarkets and petrol stations are your best bet for charcoal.

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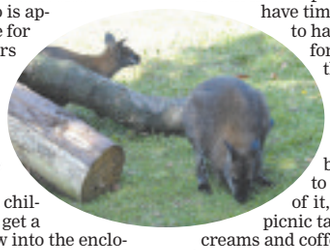
ANIMAL CHARM

The summer holidays have arrived, bringing six weeks of trying to entertain the children, *writes Alexandra Rucki.*

Battersea Park Children's Zoo, located in a quiet corner of the park, provides a fun day out for little ones and welcome relief for adults.

A total of 40 animals live in the zoo, including birds, otters, lemurs, monkeys, donkeys, meerkats and the latest addition – wallabies.



The zoo is appropriate for youngsters aged 18 months to eight-years-old, and there are lower fences so children can get a good view into the enclosures, as well as a tunnel to crawl into in order to view meerkats in a dome.

Anita Halligan, animal manager, says: "It's not overwhelming. They like to take their time looking around.

"There are little details, like we put food close to the fence they can see them up close."

Fiona Vella, education and events manager, has also planned a programme of workshops to take place over the summer break.

There will be a mouse printmaking workshop run by an artist, a hedgehog day featuring rescued animals and many more, every week until September.

She says: "Some of the kids have never touched an animal. So many children don't have pets now, because they live in flats or parents don't have time or money to have a pet, so for some of them stroking a rabbit is a big thing."

For anybody wanting to make a day of it, there are picnic tables, ice creams and coffee facilities for grown-ups, while kids love the huge playground at the back of the site.

It costs £6.50 for the day, £8.75 for adults and £28 for a family ticket.

● **Battersea Park Children's Zoo, Battersea Park; open 10am-5.30pm; batterseaparkzoo.co.uk, 020 7924 5826.**

BATTERSEA PARK CHILDREN'S ZOO

SummerSongs

The summer holidays are approaching and help is at hand for those who are looking for an escape.

Sing Live will run a series of workshops called Summer in Song, fresh from their trip to Italy.

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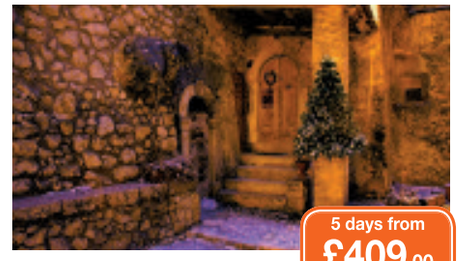

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Help to Buy to be rolled out to existing property

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The news that the government backed Help to Buy scheme will be extended to buyers of existing homes has been welcomed by local estate agents.

Chancellor George Osborne met mortgage lenders and housebuilders last week to discuss extending the scheme to those wanting to buy existing homes.

The first phase of the scheme was launched four months ago and provides equity loans for buyers of new homes.

Under the scheme, the government guarantees a proportion of the loan to give banks confidence to lend.

The second phase of Help to Buy will come into effect in January and will allow people to buy with a five per cent deposit. However the scheme will be closed to second home buyers.

Ryan Oliver, area director of Your Move, said: "This will help the market even more.

"We have seen an increase of 60 per cent from new buyer registrations this year already, and now with the planned second phase of the Help to Buy scheme aimed towards residential second-hand homes, we can see that demand will just continue to rise.

"We have already had enquiries from our tenant database specifically asking for mortgage advice with this scheme at the forefront of their plans, suggesting that this planned move will help buyers forced into renting onto the property ladder.

"This is a good thing for not only buyers but also sellers looking to move."

Help to Buy has already been hailed a success by the Home Builders Federation.

Stewart Baseley, executive chairman at the federation, said: "The equity loan part of Help to Buy has got off to a flying start. It has been an unqualified success so far and 4,000 reservations in just two months show both the consumer demand for the scheme and developers' commitment to it.

"The large deposits required in recent years to secure a mortgage have prevented many from buying – and as a result, builders from building.

"The equity loan scheme helps consumers overcome that deposit barrier and as a result the scheme will undoubtedly lead to an increase in house building.

"Already we are seeing companies revise their projected build levels as a direct result of the scheme. This in turn will create jobs."

Warning goes out to children

While areas where building work is going on can look like exciting places for children to play, they also pose serious dangers says one homebuilder.

Rob Hutchings, construction director at David Wilson Homes, said: "Youngsters are often on the lookout for somewhere new and exciting to play, but construction sites are not adventure playgrounds."

"As the school holidays are with us again, it is important to remind children and their parents about the potential dangers of building sites and the need to stay away from them.

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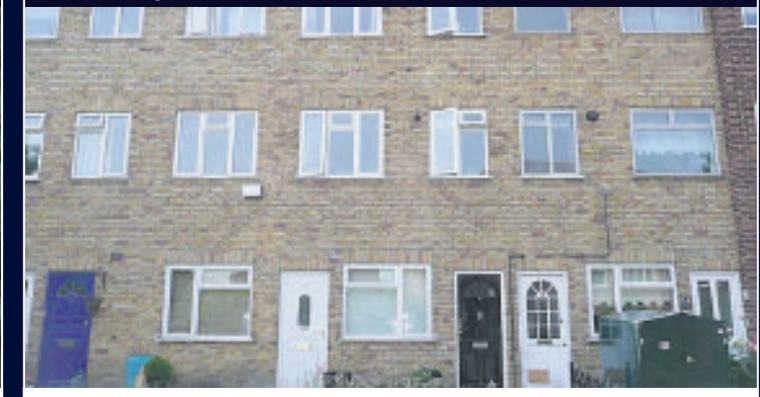

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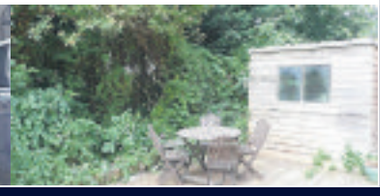

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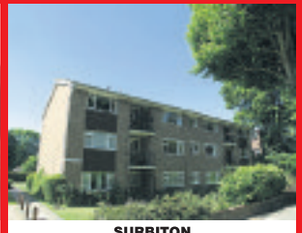

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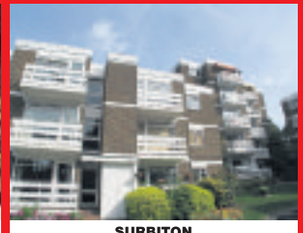

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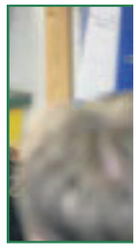

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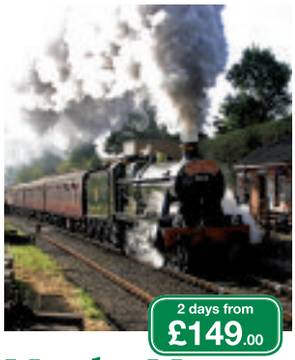

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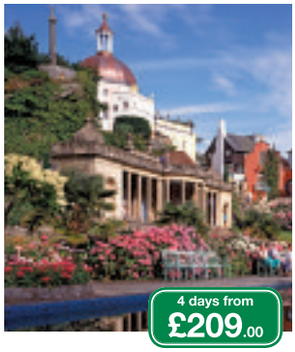

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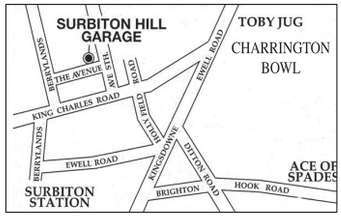

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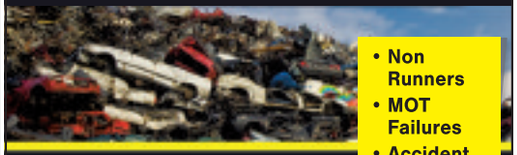

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Trio come up short

Surbiton and England's U18 boys were denied bronze medals at the EuroHockey Youth Championships in Vienna on Sunday losing to the Netherlands, *writes Colin Pike*.

Ironically, England had beaten the Dutch 3-1 in their final pool game earlier in the week – courtesy of a hat-trick from Surbiton's Jonny Ruiz – to clinch their place in the semi-finals.

Ruiz was on target again in Saturday's last-four match against Spain, but it was not enough in a 3-1 defeat.

Spain went on to beat Germany 5-2 in the final.

Surbiton's James Gall joined Ruiz in the starting line-up, and goalkeeper Peter Philips made his tournament debut at half time of the third place play-off.

Malden skipper is ready for the survival dogfight

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Malden Wanderers skipper Simon Crampton said the side is up for the dogfight to avoid relegation from the Surrey Championship Premier Division.

Following a winning draw at home to Guildford on Saturday, Crampton's charges are second from bottom, six points behind Spencer and Guildford, and 12 behind a resurgent Sutton.

Spencer and Guildford face off this weekend, meaning a result at Banstead could lift Malden out of the drop zone.

Crampton pointed to Saturday's performance as proof they can survive at the top level, they just need to finish teams off.

"We had a talk a couple of weeks ago about the situation we have found ourselves in, and how we were disappointed to be in the bottom two," Crampton said.

"We know we are in a dogfight, but we have been playing decent cricket lately, but we just need to get ourselves over the final line.

"We're putting good scores on the board, and bowling and fielding well, but we don't seem to be able to do all three at the same time.

"But if we carry on how we're playing, I am confident we'll be safe."

Against Guildford, Alan Cope hit 101 runs in guiding Malden to 227 all out of 58.1 overs.

In reply, Guildford took almost 37 overs to reach 77-7 before the rain brought an early end to proceedings.

Crampton said: "Alan's century was superb, and we had a good total.

"We managed to tie the Guildford batsmen down but it is always difficult when you know rain is due, you just don't know when.

"It had been forecast for about 6pm and it came about 7pm, so we had an extra hour – but because you don't know that, the job is a tough one.

"Giles [Puckle] and I bowled well in tandem, but it was not enough."

In Division Two, Worcester Park endured a losing draw at Cranleigh, despite knocks of 57 and 84 from Sandeep Ganguly and Rob Waite respectively.

Park ended on 200-6 off 52 overs, and in reply Cranleigh reached 170 before the rain intervened.

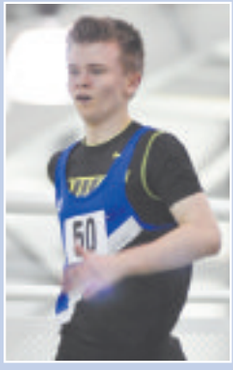
Park host Horsley & Send this weekend.

In Division Four, Kingstonian, who host Oxted & Limpsfield, went down by nine wickets at promotion chasing Old Rutlishians.

Ks build up

Ryan Moss was on target as Kingstonian's pre-season campaign continued with a 1-1 draw at Bedfont & Feltham on Sunday as part of the host's Emily Ash Trust charity fun day.

Ks went to Redhill on Wednesday night, and will then host Aldershot of the Skrill Premier at Kingsmeadow on August 5, kick-off 7.45pm.



Kingston end on top

Kingston AC & Polytechnic Harriers secured top spot in Division 3a of the Youth Development League and a shot at promotion to Division Two.

The team finished third on the day at Sunday's final league meeting in Dartford, but top of the tree overall on 30 points, two ahead of South London Harriers.

Phoebe Law, *pictured left*, won the U17 1,500m, U20 3,000m and the U17 javelin. Laura Darcey took the U17 80m hurdles, the U20 high jump and U20 long jump.

There were also wins for Eleanor Arnfield, in the U20 1,500m steeplechase, and Caitlin Dimbleby in the U17 pole vault and triple jump.

Alex Parkinson won the U20 triple jump and Rory McCann, *pictured right*, won the U17s javelin.

Promotion now rests on a paper match against Chiltern Harriers and Chichester AC – the result of which is expected by the end of August.

SPORTS*brief*

TENNIS: New Malden tennis player Mel South, *pictured*, missed out on doubles success at the Aegon GB Pro-Series in Wrexham after defeat in the final on Friday. With partner Anna Smith, South reached the final on the hard court in Wales, but lost out to the number two seeds, Kanae Hisami and Mari Tanaka of Japan, 3-6, 6-7.

FOOTBALL: The FA and Budweiser Club Futures programme is back with the second half of a £1m investment in non-league football. Last season, Raynes Park Vale were one of eight clubs in the UK that won a grant of £50,000. Clubs from steps five to seven in the English football pyramid can apply for this year's pay-out via **budweiser.thefa.me.uk**. The applications close on August 31.

TENNIS: Surrey are the new Aegon Summer County Cup holders after beating reigning champions Hertfordshire 5-2 in Eastbourne over the weekend. Captain Danny Sapsford said: "It was brilliant to get one over on Hertfordshire after so many years coming second. I hope this will be a sign of things to come."